

How Northlake's Caring Opens the Way to Better Healthcare



On February 6th I was in Honduras & privileged to be present for the ribbon cutting dedication that brought many collaborators together to celebrate the renovation of the Maternal Home at the Culmi Birthing Center. Northlake Church was one of those collaborators through funding & work efforts of our October 2017 service team. Ed & Joyce Tomblin, Heidi Miller, and Doris Clark brought

gifts of newborn kits (supplied by many members) and the team helped paint the Maternal Home. The Red Cross, Catholic Church, local high school, Municipal Government, along with the volunteer Health Committee were other partners sharing in the fundraising and contributions that made this expansion and renovation possible.

The Municipality of Culmi is an extension of Predisan's service footprint in Honduras. After many years serving the Municipality of Catacamas, Culmi came under the umbrella of Predisan three years ago. This expansive rural region has a population of almost 30,000, dispersed over many ridges and across many rivers. Some of these villages take 6-8 hours to access from the town Culmi that serves as the county seat. Only meters away from the Medical Clinic & Birthing Center, the Maternal Home has served as a haven for safe medical care during those last weeks and hours before childbirth and hosted 246 mothers in 2017.

The remodeled home offers an expansive kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathrooms, common areas & washing areas that allow multiple families to spend time together while away from home. With over 465 babies born at the birthing center in 2017, the Culmi health complex is a busy place that has remarkably lowered pain & loss due to maternal & infant mortality in this geographic area. A helpful map of Olancho, Honduras is on the next page, & to the right you'll see a photo of our Northlake team standing in front of the freshly painted common area.

The PREDISAN staff send their greetings and gratitude to Northlake Church.

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